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SUBJ: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: PANAMANIAN POSITION

REF: PANAMA 677

1. TO OUR SURPRISE, THE PANAMIAN DELEGATE TO THE LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE TOLD US DURING THE PLENARY THIS MORNING THAT HE WOULD VOTE FOR THE PRG. REFTEL SAYS THAT HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VOTE WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN MAJORITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICAN STATES WILL VOTE WITH THE GVN AND AGAINST THE PRG ON THIS ISSUE.

2. THE VOTE WILL PROBABLY COME THIS AFTERNOON,
I.E. WITHIN A FEW HOURS. IT WILL BE EXTREMELY CLOSE. WOULD IT BE
POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO URGE THE PANAMIAN GOV'T TO SEND IMMEDIATE
INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS DELEGATE CLARIFYING THAT HE SHOULD
DO AS REFTEL INDICATED? PLS LET US KNOW SOONEST OF
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ANY RESULTS OF THIS EFORT. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR

YOU TO SEND US AN UNCLASSIFIED TELEGRAM SIMPLY STATING THAT SUCH INSTRUCTINS HAVE BEEN SENT, ASSUMING THE PANAMIAN GOV'T AGREES TO DO SO. WE WOULD THEN SHOW THIS TELEGRAM TO THE PANAMIAN DELEGATE IN THE HOPE THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ACT ON IT IN CASE HIS OWN INSTRUCTIONS HAVE NOT ARRIVED.

3. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN DO. DALE

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